(*b*) A copy of the Government Proceedings is appended. (Please see Appendix I)

LEPROSY SURVEY—REPORT OF

203. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government be pleased to print and place on the Council table report of the Leprosy Survey started by the Special Leprosy Officer in the Educational Institutions in the State as stated by the Government in the answer to Question No. 49 on the floor of the Legislative Council on the 19th November 1940;

(*b*) what action has the Government taken on the report?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* (*a*) A copy of the Special Leprosy Officer's report is appended. (Please see Appendix II)

(*b*) The Heads of the Educational Institutions were instructed to persuade the students concerned to seek treatment from the nearest medical institutions.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether leprosy survey was being conducted in 1116 and 1117?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* There was no survey conducted during these years. Medical Inspectors go round and they have been instructed to look into these possible cases.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* My question is whether the Special Leprosy Officer was taking that survey.

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No survey is being done now.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS OF GRANT-IN-AID DISPENSARIES—APPOINTMENT IN THE REGULAR MEDICAL SERVICE

204. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there are instances during the last 5 years of medical practitioners of the grant-in-aid dispensaries being transferred (appointed) in the regular medical service of the State;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the number of such cases of appointments and the names of doctors so appointed;

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APPENDIX I

(Please see answer to question No. 202)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF COCHIN

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Educational Concessions—D. C. Converts—Stopping of

Read letter D. 2430 16, dated 27th August 1941, from the Protector of the Depressed Classes.—

"Ref. G. P. D2-15751/14 dated 29th October 1940.

In Government Proceedings quoted above, Government have ordered that the educational concessions now extended to the depressed class converts should be stopped. When the Director of Public Instruction referred the matter to Government, in his letter C. 5137/16 dated 6th November 1940 requesting to clarify the orders, Government have ordered in G. P. D2-15751/14 dated 26th November 1940 (11th Vrischigam 1116) that "The educational concessions granted to the depressed class converts should be stopped. Government consider that it is not necessary to discontinue the concession already granted to the depressed class converts." I have the honour to enquire whether the order is applicable to the concessions already granted to them. Fresh selection of stipendiaries has to be made from Forms I and IV. The supply of school requisites and cloths has to be made every year. Also if a depressed class student is granted stipend from Form I or IV, he can, as per rules, hold the concessions for 3 years provided he does not fail. I may be kindly ordered whether a depressed class convert can be newly selected for stipend from Form I or IV. Instructions may also be issued with regard to the supply of books and cloths to the depressed class converts. This reference is submitted as per Comptroller's letter K4-11664/16 dated 32nd Karkadagam 1116/ 16th August 1941, a copy of which is enclosed for kind perusal. I solicit early orders."

Order D. Dis. 1480/17, dated 20th September 1941

According to the existing orders, those depressed class converts who are already receiving the concessions including books, etc., will continue to do so. No fresh convert will get them.

(By order of the Government of Cochin)
Signed
Deputy Secretary

APPENDIX II

(Please see answer to question No. 203)

Copy of the report

Towards the end of the year 1115 a special survey to find out the incidence of leprosy among school children was started by me. In the year 1116, 8390 children were examined, of which 62 were found to have symptoms of leprosy. Almost all of

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them belong to early non-infectious type of leprosy except 5 cases, which were of a doubtful infectious nature and 1 sure case of infectious leprosy. The 5 cases are under observation but the 1 sure case was persuaded to leave the school and is now under treatment.

To avoid these boys and girls being branded as lepers, their names are not registered in official records in their schools. The heads of institutions are confidentially informed of the nature of the disease and have been instructed to induce them to seek treatment in general out-patients for which provision is made in all medical institutions.

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